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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN VISITORS TO CANADA

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1. VISA REQUESTS OF FOUR NORTH KOREANS TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING OF CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN STUDIES IN FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY 26 TO 28 WERE REFUSED "FOR REASONS WHICH CANNOT BE DISCUSSED OVER THE PHONE", ACCORDING TO OLDHAM, KOREAN DESK OFFICER, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF). SINCE BOTH EMBASSY OFFICER AND OLDHAM WERE TO BE ABSENT FROM OTTAWA SUBSEQUENT TO PHONE CONVERSATION, IT WAS AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTER IN PERSON WHEN BOTH WERE BACK IN OTTAWA.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED OLDHAM ON JUNE 13 FOR APPOINTMENT AND LATTER SUGGESTED DEFERRING DISCUSSION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HE EXPLAINED THAT SINCE GOC HAS BEEN RECEIVING RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF VISA REQUESTS FROM NORTH KOREANS, INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUP IS TO BE CONVENED TO FORMULATE GOC POLICY ON MATTER. IMPLICIT IN HIS COMMENT WAS FACT THAT, TO DATE, GOC HAS BEEN PROCESSING NORTH KOREAN VISA REQUESTS ON AD HOC BASIS. OLDHAM
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ADDED HE WOULD MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICER AS SOON AS INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUP DETERMINES POLICY. WE SHALL REPORT HIS COMMENTS AT THAT TIME. ENDERS

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